

**City of Norwalk**  
**McAninch Sports Complex**  
**Baseball/Softball Return to Play Policy**  
May 29, 2020 (*updated 7/24/20*)

All attendees shall take personal responsibility for protecting themselves and those around them in the effort to manage the spread of COVID-19.

**Facility Policies**

- Teams and spectators shall not congregate at any time. This includes before and after games inside the facility as well as in the parking lots.
- Attendees are highly encouraged to follow the guidelines from the CDC
  - Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 second or 60% alcohol hand sanitizer
  - Maintain 6 feet physical distance
  - If you are sick stay home
  - Cover coughs and sneezes with tissue or inside of elbow
  - Wear a cloth face cover for those older than 2 years of age
  - Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily
- Stay home if you are sick, have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been around someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Symptoms referenced by the CDC include:
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- Bleachers and picnic tables will be off limits to everyone. Attendees should bring their own individual seating while maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from other families.
- Lines for restrooms and the like are discouraged. If there must be a line, a distance of six feet apart shall be in effect at all times.
- Drinking fountains will not be available.
- Players and spectators are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.
- Team water coolers or shared items are not allowed.
- The use of sunflower seeds, gum and anything else that is spit from the mouth is prohibited.

- Dugouts will be restricted to players and coaches only (three coaches maximum).
- Coaches and players shall clean and sanitize the dugouts and common touch hard surfaces before and after practices and games (teams are responsible for their own supplies). This includes disposing of all trash and debris.
- Players should use their own personal equipment. Sharing of equipment is discouraged.
- Players are allowed to wear personal protective equipment, such as masks or gloves, as long as these items do not compromise the safety of any and all participants.
- We encourage each team to use its own softballs/baseballs and sanitize them between practices and games. Foul balls will be returned to the defensive team's dugout and shall be sanitized before entering play.
- End of game handshakes are strongly discouraged. Teams shall line up on their side of the field and tip their caps to the opposing team in order to minimize player contact.
- Award ceremonies will not take place. Coaches will be in charge of handing out trophies to their teams.
- It is the responsibility of the coaches and tournament directors, while using the McAninch Sport Complex, to assure compliance with this policy and the guidelines of your sponsoring organization (i.e. USSSA).

#### **Mitigation Procedures**

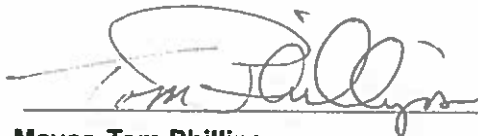
- Our department must be notified of every positive case related to teams that practice and play at our facility. This includes coaches, players and immediate family members of coaches and players.
- If a coach or player tests positive for COVID and has symptoms they must quarantine for 10 days from the date of onset of symptoms.
- If a coach or player tests positive for COVID the team must quarantine for 14 days.
  - Individual members may return to the field after the quarantine period if they have been
    - fever free for 72 hours without the use of medication
    - symptom free AND
    - have not been in contact with a COVID positive person within the past 48 hours.
  - If members of the team test negative they must still quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.
- If a family member tests positive, the player or coach must quarantine from the time the family member receives their positive test results and continue for 14 days after the end of the family members quarantine time period.
  - Individual players and coaches may return to the field after the quarantine period if they have been:
    - fever free for 72 hours without the use of medication
    - symptom free AND
    - have not been in contact with a COVID positive person.
  - If members of the team test negative they must still quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.

- If any coach or player has been in contact with a distant or non-family member who has tested positive they must quarantine for 14 days from last contact with the infected person.
  - The player or coach may return to the field after the 14 day quarantine period if they have been
    - fever free for 72 hours without the use of medication
    - symptom free AND
    - have not been in contact with a COVID positive person.
  - If members of the team test negative they must still quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.

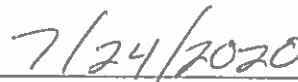
The COVID-19 pandemic is a public health emergency. Therefore these policies are fluid and subject to change at any time.

**The City reserves the right to eject any individual without notice at any time due to noncompliance.**

Approved on May 29, 2020 (updated 7/24/20) by:



Mayor, Tom Phillips



Date

